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MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS RE MAJOR ISSUES
AT FORTHCOMING ICAO ASSEMBLY, MONTREAL

REF: (A) STATE 159881, (B) PARIS 16828

1. WE CALLED ON MME. LA BATUT OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS SECTION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY SEPT. 19
FOR LAST-MINUTE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS PRIOR ICAO
ASSEMBLY SESSION. SHE WILL BE FOREIGN MINISTRY
REP ON FRENCH DELEGATION AT THE SESSION. WE
DREW ON STATE 159881 IN OUTLINING US VIEWS.

2. RE ICAO COUNCIL REVISION, MME. LA BATUT SAID
PRIME CONSIDERATION NOW FOR FRENCH WAS TO PRESERVE
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ESSENTIAL WESTERN EUROPEAN REPRESENTATION ON ICAO

COUNCIL. THEY, LIKE US, WOULD MUCH PREFER TO SEE NO CHANGE IN SIZE OF COUNCIL AND IN EQUALITY OF REPRESENTATION AMONG THREE CATEGORIES. GOF'S PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS INDICATE THAT ARGENTINA MAY TAKE INITIATIVE TO PROPOSE REVISION OF 10-10-10 FORMULA TO PROVIDE FOR PROPORTIONATELY GREATER REPRESENTATION FOR THE THIRD WORLD. ONE OF SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES HAD INDICATED THAT IT WOULD SUPPORT SUCH A PROPOSAL. ASSEMBLY'S ORDER OF BUSINESS WOULD REQUIRE THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL BE PUT FORWARD AT OUTSET OF SESSION, MEANING THAT IT WOULD BE VOTED ON, BY SIMPLE MAJORITY, PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF BELGIAN PROPOSAL MUCH FARTHER DOWN THE AGENDA FOR SIMPLE ENLARGEMENT OF COUNCIL. IF PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF 10-10-10 FORMULA IS ADOPTED, FRENCH DEL WILL THEN SUPPORT BELGIAN PROPOSAL IN ORDER TO PRESERVE WESTERN EUROPEAN SEATS ON COUNCIL. IF FORMER PROPOSAL FAILS, THEN FRENCH DEL WOULD SEE NO NEED TO SUPPORT BELGIAN PROPOSAL.

3. RE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, SHE SAID THAT GOF IS OPPOSED TO ANY ATTEMPT FINANCE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM ICAO BUDGET. GOF BELIEVES UNDP IS THE PROPER VEHICLE. SO WHILE GOF REMAINS COMMITTED TO TACTIC CITED IN REF B, POSITION IS RATHER DELICATE BECAUSE BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS PRECLUDE GOF TODAY FROM AGREEING TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE.

4. MME. LA BATUT WAS A LITTLE SURPRISED TO LEARN OF US THINKING RE POSSIBILITY OF SUGGESTING ICAO UNDERTAKE FARES STUDY IN LIMITED AREA. SHE WONDERED WHICH AREA WE MIGHT HAVE IN MIND -- CARIBBEAN? AFRICA? (I.E., AREAS IN WHICH FRENCH CARRIERS ARE ACTIVE). WE SUSPECT THAT SHE MAY ALSO HAVE FELT THAT AGREEING TO LIMITED STUDY MIGHT UNDERCUT ARGUMENT QUESTIONING PRINCIPLE OF ICAO EVEN EMBARKING ON THIS KIND OF ENDEAVOR. WE SUGGEST USDEL PURSUE FURTHER WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRENCH DEL.

5. MME. LA BATUT HAD NOTHING TO ADD ON OTHER MAJOR ISSUES BEYOND WHAT WAS REPORTED IN REF. B.

6. SHE ASKED FOR OUR VIEWS ON ICAO BUDGETARY QUESTIONS AND MANNER IN WHICH GDR APPLICATION SHOULD BE HANDLED IF GDR SOUGHT ICAO MEMBERSHIP,

THOUGH GOF UNDERSTOOD THAT GDR WAS BALKING AT
THOUGHT OF HAVING TO PAY ICAO DUES. WE
SUGGESTED SHE EXPLORE THESE QUESTIONS DIRECTLY
WITH US DEL AT MONTREAL.
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